

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

KEITH L. CLOSSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHERYL STRANGE,

Defendant.

Case No. C24-5895-JCC-SKV

PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

This is a civil rights action proceeding under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Defendant has filed an answer to Plaintiff's complaint. Dkt. 11. Accordingly, the Court hereby establishes the following pretrial schedule:

(1) Discovery

All discovery shall be completed by **May 5, 2025**. Service of responses to interrogatories, requests for production, and requests for admissions, and the taking of depositions, shall be completed by this date. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure require that responses to discovery requests be served within thirty (30) days after service. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 33(b)(2), 34(b)(2)(A), 36(a)(3). The serving party, therefore, must serve his/her discovery

1 requests at least thirty (30) days before the deadline in order to allow the other party time to
2 answer.

3 (2) Dispositive Motions

4 Any dispositive motion shall be filed and served on or before ***June 4, 2025***. Pursuant to
5 LCR 7(b), any argument being offered in support of a motion shall be submitted as a part of the
6 motion itself and not in a separate document. The motion shall include in its caption
7 (immediately below the title of the motion) a designation of the date the motion is to be noted for
8 consideration upon the Court's motion calendar. Dispositive motions shall be noted for
9 consideration on a date no earlier than 28 days following filing and service of the motion. LCR
10 7(d)(4).

11 All briefs and affidavits in opposition to any motion shall be filed and served pursuant to
12 the requirements of Rule 7 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and LCR 7. The party
13 making a motion may file and serve a reply to the opposing party's briefs and affidavits. Any
14 reply brief shall also be filed and served pursuant to the requirements of Rule 7 of the Federal
15 Rules of Civil Procedure and LCR 7.

16 Defendants are reminded that they MUST serve a *Rand* notice, in a separate document,
17 concurrently with a motion for summary judgment so that *pro se* prisoner plaintiffs will have
18 fair, timely and adequate notice of what is required of them in order to oppose such motions.
19 *Woods v. Carey*, 684 F.3d 934, 941 (9th Cir. 2012). The Ninth Circuit has set forth model
20 language for such notices:

21 A motion for summary judgment under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of
22 Civil Procedure will, if granted, end your case.

23 Rule 56 tells you what you must do in order to oppose a motion for
summary judgment. Generally, summary judgment must be granted when

1 there is no genuine issue of material fact – that is, if there is no real
2 dispute about any fact that would affect the result of your case, the party
3 who asked for summary judgment is entitled to judgment as a matter of
4 law, which will end your case. When a party you are suing makes a
5 motion for summary judgment that is properly supported by declarations
6 (or other sworn testimony), you cannot simply rely on what your
7 complaint says. Instead, **you must set out specific facts in declarations,
8 depositions, answers to interrogatories, or authenticated documents,
9 as provided in Rule 56(e), that contradict the facts shown in the
10 defendant's declarations and documents and show that there is a
11 genuine issue of material fact for trial. If you do not submit your own
12 evidence in opposition, summary judgment, if appropriate, may be
13 entered against you. If summary judgment is granted, your case will
14 be dismissed and there will be no trial.**

15 *Rand v. Rowland*, 154 F.3d 952, 963 (9th Cir. 1998) (emphasis added). Defendants who fail to
16 file and serve the required *Rand* notice on the plaintiff may have their motion stricken from the
17 Court's calendar with leave to re-file.

18 (3) Joint Pretrial Statement

19 The parties are advised that a due date for filing a Joint Pretrial Statement may be
20 established at a later date pending the outcome of any dispositive motions.

21 (4) Proof of Service and Sanctions

22 All motions, pretrial statements and other filings shall be accompanied by proof that such
23 documents have been served upon all parties that have entered a notice of appearance in the
underlying matter. Plaintiff shall indicate the date the document is submitted for e-filing as the
date of service. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Order can result in dismissal/default
judgment or other appropriate sanctions.

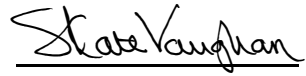
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1 (5) The Clerk of Court is directed to send copies of this Order to Plaintiff, to counsel
2 for Defendant, and to the Honorable John C. Coughenour.

3 Dated this 3rd day of February, 2025.

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6 S. KATE VAUGHAN
7 United States Magistrate Judge
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